



## SOUTH EMERSON AVENUE FROM I-65 TO SHELBYVILLE ROAD

### PROJECT SCOPE

During the last two decades, traffic along South Emerson Avenue has increased nearly 600 percent. In 1982, approximately 4,500 vehicles per day traveled through the area, and by 2005, traffic was estimated at 25,530 vehicles per day. The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) plans to widen the southern portion of Emerson Avenue and add extra turn lanes to help alleviate traffic congestion and to reduce the number of left turn and rear end accidents. The project will improve road safety and also lengthen the life of the roadway.

When complete, South Emerson Avenue between Shelbyville Road and north of I-65 will be comprised of five lanes. The existing traffic lanes will be increased to two northbound and two southbound lanes. A middle lane for left turns will also be constructed.

### PROJECT DETAILS

**PROJECT STATUS:** In Design

**ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION PERIOD:** Summer 2011 to Fall 2012

**DESIGN ENGINEER:** United Consulting

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS:** \$11,500,000

- 80% federal funding
- 20% local match

**PROJECT BENEFITS:**

- Reduced traffic congestion along Emerson Avenue
- Better driving conditions for commuters
- Lengthened life of the roadway
- Increased economic development opportunities

Project schedules and costs are subject to change.

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In addition to the widened road, double left turn lanes will be added at the intersection of South Emerson and Southport Road. Other design features will also be considered to reduce the congestion at this location.

The roadway widening includes new pavement, curbs and gutters, and driveways. Signal modification or replacement, pavement markings, new sidewalks along the east side of the roadway, and drainage improvements also will be included. In addition, the bridge located across Buck Creek will be reconstructed and widened.

DPW project managers anticipate some permanent and temporary easements will be required for this project. These locations will be determined during the design phase, and property owners will be notified.

Local traffic will be maintained at all times during construction. Specific maintenance of traffic details will be developed during the design of the project and will be available at the preconstruction meeting.

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